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Jones v. City of Boston, No. 12-2280

Summary judgment in favor of defendants in an action challenging the Boston Police Department's drug testing program, which plaintiffs allege caused a disparate impact on the basis of race in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is: 1) vacated in part with respect to the plaintiffs' Title VII claim; 2) reversed with regard to the district court's denial of plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment on that claim, where there is no genuine issue of material fact that could preclude plaintiffs from making a threshold, prima facie showing of disparate impact; but 3) otherwise affirmed.

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US v. Bowles, No. 13-1575

Defendant's conviction after jury trial on five counts of theft of government funds is affirmed, where: 1) any error in the district court's denial of defense counsel's peremptory challenge of a juror was harmless; 2) the district court did not err by admitting into evidence photocopies of the annuity checks that were deposited into defendant's bank account; 3) the district court did not abuse its discretion by admitting into evidence a copy of a Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles record of information about defendant's driver's license; and 4) the district court did not err in denying defendant's post-trial motion for a judgment of acquittal.